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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support, FairPoint Communications, Inc. Petition for Waiver, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 10, 2012, FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") filed a petition for waiver of certain portions of section 54.312(b) of the Commission's rules.¹ The Commission issued a Public Notice on September 11, 2012, seeking comment on the FairPoint Petition.² Comments were filed, but no action has been taken on the FairPoint Petition. FairPoint hereby respectfully requests that the Petition be withdrawn from further Commission consideration. The relief sought by FairPoint in the Petition largely has been addressed by the Commission's release of additional incremental support in the second round of Connect America Fund Phase I.

Please contact me should any questions arise concerning this filing.

Very truly yours,



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¹ *Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support, FairPoint Communications, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Sections 54.312(b)(2) and (3) of the Commission's Rules and Conditional Election of Incremental CAF Support, WC Dockets 10-90 and 05-337 (filed Sept. 10, 2012) ("FairPoint Petition").*

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment on FairPoint Communications Petition for Waiver of Certain High-Cost Universal Service Rules, Public Notice, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 05-337, DA 12-1473 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Sept. 11, 2012).*